

Certain physicians must self-attest to continue to receive higher reimbursement rates

Primary care physicians, obstetricians and gynecologists enrolled as Mississippi Medicaid providers are eligible for higher payments for certain services, but in order to receive those enhanced reimbursements they must complete the required forms attesting that they qualify as specialists in those fields.

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM) will continue to reimburse at 100 percent of the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule for certain services provided by physicians who self-attest as having a primary specialty designation of family medicine, pediatric medicine or internal medicine as long as authorized by state law, formerly authorized by 42 C.F.R. § 447.400(a).

In addition to primary care physicians, effective July 1, 2016, and as long as authorized by state law, DOM will reimburse at 100 percent of the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule for certain services provided by obstetricians and gynecologists (OB/GYNs) with a primary specialty/subspecialty designation in obstetric/gynecologic medicine who attest to one of the following:

1. Physician is board certified by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) as a specialist or subspecialist in obstetric/gynecologic medicine, or
2. Physician with a primary specialty/subspecialty designation in obstetric/gynecologic medicine and has furnished the evaluation and management services and vaccines administration services listed below that equal at least 60 percent of the Medicaid codes they have billed during the most recently completed calendar year but does not have an ACOG certification, or
3. Physician, newly enrolled as a Medicaid provider, with a primary specialty/subspecialty designation in obstetric/gynecologic medicine and attests that the evaluation and management services and vaccines administration services listed below will equal at least 60 percent of the Medicaid codes they will bill during the attestation period, or
4. Non-physician practitioner providing primary care services in a Practice Agreement with a qualified physician enrolled for increased primary care services.

To receive the increased payment, eligible providers must send a completed and signed PCP Self-Attestation or OB/GYN PCP Self-Attestation form to Xerox Provider Enrollment through one of the following means:

Email: msinquiries@xerox.com

Fax: 888-495-8169

Postal mail: Xerox Provider Enrollment, P. O. Box 23078, Jackson, MS 39225

Providers will be eligible to receive the increased payment effective the day the form is processed by Xerox.

The PCP Self-Attestation Statement forms are located on the DOM website at <http://medicaid.ms.gov> and the Envision Web Portal at <http://ms-medicaid.com>. The form can also be requested by calling the Xerox Call Center toll-free at 800-884-3222.

For additional information regarding the increased payment opportunity, please contact the Office of Medical Services by phone at 601-359-6150.

Contact Information

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